

receiving association information from a remote service facility;
generating a subscription file based upon the association information, the subscription file including data uniquely identifying a field service unit and a service subscription for the medical diagnostic system and storing the subscription file in a machine readable form; and
configuring the medical diagnostic system in accordance with the association information and identification information.

Please add the following new claim:

23. (New) A method for configuring a field replaceable unit for a medical diagnostic system, the method comprising:

providing a medical diagnostic system having a field replaceable unit;
providing an electronic device associated with the field replaceable unit;
providing a storage medium on the electronic device, the storage medium containing identification information and characterization information related to the configuration of the medical diagnostic system for the operation of the field replaceable unit;
querying for information on the field replaceable unit by sending a query to the electronic device associated with the field replaceable unit;
receiving identification information and characterization information on the field replaceable unit from the electronic device; and
configuring the medical diagnostic system in accordance with the identification information and characterization information.

REMARKS

This amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2002 in which claims 1-22 were rejected. With this amendment, claim 7 is amended and claim 23 is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the reasons which follow.